Blography and Portrait of Her-Eighty Light Years a Member of the Methodist Church.

indence of the Richmond Dispatch.1 SESSVILLE, VA., December 18 .- Mrs. Lloyd Plaster, who is now living pup post-office, Loudoun county, born at Rectortown, Fanquier Va., on Monday, October 31, 1791, where completed her hundredth

the daughter of George Emrey soldier of the Revolution, who at Battletown, Frederick county reville, Clarke county). Va., February 4, 1758. He entered Thomas Berry, of the Eighth Feter Muhlenberg. On Thurs-, 1787, he married Ann Brown d in Licking county, Ohio, Jan-3: aged ninety-five years.

d learing five children—one and one sister and two bror than herself. Her youth manbood were devoted to the means of her tather's household or younger brothers and sis-

r connected herself with the scopal Church in 1803, and sustained her relations with this eight years, and is now oldest. Methodist in the bestily in the world,



eried November 15, 1816, at in Rectortown, by Rev sarriage there were ten chil-e of whom reached maturity,

Mrs. Plaster is rather under height. She weighed at the marriage 123 pounds. Her com-fair, eyes blue or gray, and rather of a light than a dark hiddhood she was somewhat she never was a robust or un-

or woman, or's long life, beginning in a first presidential term, has ally uneventful. It has been a contented, happy home-life thed to any great extent by inside of her own family. HER SOLDIER KIN.

r, two of her brothers were sol-bs war of 1812-16, and two of and two grandsons in that of and so she aid not escape the axisty and torturing suspense hose dark days crushed so many ving mother-hearts.

IN A PERILOUS SCENE. in all the troubles incident to note even when in 1864 Mrs. ourse was sacked and pillaged, grain burned, livestock driven provisions in the house and of where or how the next be procured—she, without a

ON FOR BER LONGEVITY. t's unusual longevity may b ersumusual longevity may be strabuted to an inherited ca-aring well, her father having nety-five, and a brother, re-sed, to ninety-two; secondly yed a temperate, quiet, and a passed in the salubrious elf-Piedmont region of Northern lastly to being sarrounded in age by every comfort possi-dered to with tenderest solici-and lowing hands, y over a hundred years old ful, happy old lady, with her sured and a wonderful

with zest conversation with a visitors, and has the news-to her daily, and keeps in

PAMILY EECORD. n wedlock Thursday, July 5

Emray, son of George E. Lloyd, his wife, was born Thursday, as born Monday, November 9,

was born Monday, October 31, 1791. was born Monday, February 10, Alvin was born Tuesday, March

Nelson was born Wednesday, was born Sunday, October 5, 1800. DEATAS.

sel January 14, 1791; aged one souths and four days. cl October 20, 1800; aged two to of theorge E. Lloyd, Sr., de-is life Sunday, October 12, thirty-four years two months

lson died August 16, 1846; aged gut years one month and twelve

Emrey Lloyd, Sr., died Wednes-19, 1833; aged ninety-four years onths and fifteen days.

Ern son the poctor L. Plaster, son of Mrs. Fanny to vouches for the accuracy of less a transcript from the family rom information derived from a gentleman of fine education on for a long time one of the nent and influential men in After graduating in medicine California, where he remained years, when he returned to ounty and commenced the medicine at Sonickersville. At any of the war he had estab-

or the war he had each continue practice, but when gal-ic Dulaney organized and at his own expense his awairy company, Dr. Plaster dheutenant and when Dulaney steel heutenant and when Du'aney seted colonel of the Seventh Virtuality. Dr. Plaster was made capid he commanded the company unsurendered at Appomattox, when med to his home and resumed the of medicine. His ability and fine a solder made him popular and eat, and he, with Colonel Norberkeley, was elected to represent in in the Virginia convention which eated over by Judge Underwood, wars ago he was nominated by the also Convention of Loudoun and coted by a large majority to the lare, and since the expiration of he has been practicing his prost Sonickersville.

ED OF AN INEBRIATE ASYLUM. A Rithmond Physician's Strong Plea for Such a State Institution.

RICHMOND, VA., December 19, 1891. the Editor of the Dispatch: Among the many important measures that will doubtless occupy the attention 

A Virginian Who Has Passed Her Hundredth Birthday.

MRS. FANNY PLASTER.

sity for taking active measures to put such cure within the reach of her every citizen. Economy as well asflumanity demands it. It is a question that is especially claiming consideration at the hands of physicians, and it is a movement that will meet with the approval and co-operation of the thinking people throughout the State, for there are but few families or communities that do not suffer from the consequences of the inchriety of some of its members.

The laws that for centuries have been enacted punishing the drunkard for the acts consequent upon drunkenness have done but little to lessen the evil. Little, also, has been accomplished by laws prohibiting or restricting the sale of alcoholic beverages. Prohibition, local option, and other impediacnts to the sale of intoxicating drinks may and do protect the youth of the sections in which they are operative from the acquirement of the alcohol habit; but they are, in my judgment, worthless as a means of reforming the habitual drunkard. Those who look philosophically at the question must come to the conclusion that the salvation of the drunkard lies not so much in laws punishing drunkenness or in prohibition as in the establishment of institutions where these unfortunates can receive proper care and treatment at the hands of skilful physicians and nurses. Physicians everywhere recognize the need of these institutions and are doing all in their power to urge those who have the weisare of the community at heart to have them established. They know and have and will continue to point out to law-makers the fact that inclinates are diseased men and women, and that it is clearly the duty of the State to provide hospitals where they can receive treatment as for the meane. Many drankards, whose will-nower has been enslaved by the habit of alcoholic indulgence, can be cured and restored to society, who, under existing laws, are inevitably doomed to panperism and run.

What the Law should be. PRESENT LAWS NOT REPECTIVE.

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WHAT THE LAW SHOULD RE.

The time is ripe for some action that will comprehend the crying needs of a class who have hitherto been regarded as wholly victous. As to the measures that shall best accomplish this end to my mind there can be but one answer—viz. the appropriation by the State of a sufficient sum to equip and maintain an institution under the care of a properly qualified physician or physicians for the reception and treatment of inchriates, so arranged that indigent patients be received friended that indigent patients be received friended to having accommodations for a limited number of pay-patients. Empower the county judges, upon complaint, to call a court of inquiry to determine upon the cases of habitual drankards, and to pass upon the necessity for their commitment to the State Inchriate Asylum, there to be commed and treated until such time as the physician in charge shall consider a figure to the total or the state of the state of

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It would be but fair to appropriate to this object a small amount of the funds aumually collected from the manufacturer and retailer of ardent spirits. Or, if necessary, impose an additional tax sufficient to enable the State to care for the unfortunates who are a direct result of this legalized traffic.

The obligation of the State to care for

The obligation of the State to care for her inebriates is apparent. Chronic alcoholism is a disease but little less disastrous to the individual, and no less dangerous to the life, limb, and property of these with whom its victims are permitted to come in unrestricted contact than is that which necessitates the confinement of the most hopeless limate to our State asylums. For the following reasons, therefore, it seems to me that the State should care for these unfortunates:

1. Because they are mane, and, as such, perilous to the life, imb, and property of her sane citizens.

2. Because of the social and domestic disintegration consequent upon their instance actions.

disintegration consequent upon their insane actions.

3. Because the State, in licensing the
sale of liquor and thus affording facilities
for the acquirement of the alcohol habit,
is morally bound as far as possible to obviate the evil consequences of the traffic; and
4. Because the proper care and core of
these unfortunates will be an annual
saving of property and valuable citizens
to the State.

I hope that these suggestions may receive the echsideration of the members of
the Legislature, and that out of its deliberations some pian may be evolved that will
effect the ends desired. Very respectfully,
J. N. F.

A MONTE-CARLO TRAGEDY.

The Story Received by a New Haven Man in a Letter from a Croupler. [New Haven Evening Register.]

Julius Prokasky, proprietor of the Yale Hotel and restaurant on Centre street, has just received a letter from a relative in Monte Carlo, who is one of the croupiers at the Casino, detailing one of the most remarkable tragedies which has the most remarkable tragedless which has been enacted at this great gambling re-sort, for which it has become famous. The letter states that about the 20th of November there arrived at Monte Carlo a captain of French hussars (the name is not captain of Fried massas the name is not given, who was accompanied by a most beautiful girl of about twenty years of age, whom he had but a day or two before married, the visit to Monte Carlo being in their wedding tour. The couple arrived at Monte Carlo about noon and took up

married, the visit to Monte Carlo being in their wedding tour. The couple arrived at Monte Carlo about noon and took up their quarters at a fashionable hotel.

During the afternoon the Captain expressed a wish to visit a French garrison located on the outskirts of Monte Carlo, the officers of which were old friends of his whom he had not seen in some time. His wife gladly acquieszed in his plans, and as he was taking leave of his bride she jokingly remarked that it might be well it he confided to her care the 6,000 francs which he had in his possession, lest on his way to and from the garrison he might be induced to enter the Casino and become interested in the play which was going on and lose the whole amount. Although said in jest there was a wealth of carnestness underlying her remarks that induced the officer to acquiesce in her request, and he turned over to her care the e,000 francs, all the money he had in the world. As he left the house he promised to return by 10 o'clock at night at the latest.

When he made the promise he fully intended to keep his word, but the officer upon meeting his friends at the garrison forgot about time, and when he fully realized that he must return home it was long after the hour he had set to his waiting bride. The latter in the mean time had become somewhat anxious because of her husband's nor-appearance at the time set, and, thinking that perhaps he had stepped into the Casino on his return, had become interested and had forgotten his promise, she resolved to go to the Casino and meet him. Sie forthwith set out for the pa ace, which sto reached in due time, and entering, began to search for her lege lord and master.

forthwith set out of the parached in due time, and entering, began to search for her liege lord and master. She was unable to find him, but the attractions of the place interested her and in the excitement of the moment she forgot all else except the gambling that was

got all else except the gambling that was going on about her.

In a moment of forgetfulness she resolved to tempt fortune herself, and sitting down before a table she began to wager money. At the time she had in her possession the 6,000 francs confided to her by her busband, which she had carried with her for salety. Losing her own money, she began the use of her husband's funds. Fortune did not favor her, but the excetement and the hope of retrieving her losses allured her to continue, and before she realized it the whole of her husband's possessions had passed from her keeping. she realized it the whole of her husband's possossions had passed from her keeping. When the last frame had gone the realiza-tion of her act came over her and, tho-roughly alarmed, she arose and staggered

when the last franc had gone the realization of her act came over her and, theoroughly alarmed, she arose and staggered from the room.

It was on the verge of despondency that she staggered out into the grounds, and with but a faint idea of where she was or where she was going she began to wander aimlessly about. In the course of her wanderings, the letter states, a Russian count observed her, and, being struck by her demeanor and beauty, made bold to inquire the cause of her excited condition. She answered him. She told him the tale of her downfall. He sympathized with her. He won her confidence and then, like an animal sure of his prey, he made propositions to her, agreeing not only to pay back all she had lost, but as much more besides. In her extremity, but scarcely realizing the enormity of her crime, she consented, and in desperation accepted the Count's arm to fulfil them.

In the mean time her husband, in his journey home from the garrison, had entered the grounds of the Casino, and was hurrying along with all possible speed to meet his wife, when, all unsuspecting, he came upon her upon the arm of her escent. The truth came upon him like a flash, and without waiting for explanations, but believing that his wife had disgraced him, he pulled a revolver from his pocket and fired at the couple. He was an accurate marksman. At the first shot his wife fell a corpse, and at the second the Russian count was sent into sternity. Standing over their dead bodies the French officer completed the tragedy by sending a bullet through his own brain. Their bodies were discovered a short time afterward, and, aside from a brief period of wonderment, matters continued as usual, the tragedy being forgotten in the tumpit of excitement that fills the atmosphere.

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STORIES OF PEOPLE. PITHY AND POINTED OBSERVATIONS OF THE IDLE REPORTER.

the Children's Friend-And He Lost Five-Other Gossip. Several gentlemen were assembled together in a leading case some time ago, and after discussing almost every conceivable subject their conversation turned

upon oratory and the gift of eloquence. One of the gentlemen pointed to an old-time clock in the room, which had a large swinging pendulum, and said to the pro-prietor of the establishment; "I'll bet you a five you can't point your hand towards that pendulum and say: There she goes, there she goes, for three minutes." The wager was accepted and the individual who undertook to win the "V." turned his hand in the direction of individual who undertook to win the "V." turned his hand in the direction of the time-piece and commenced murmuring in sepulchral tones. "There she goes, there she goes." The job was not so agreeable after the end of the first unutue, but Jim (this was the proprietor's name) saw every lope of success and became so absorbed that he did not notice that one of the gentlemen had disappeared from the gathering. Now, the truth of the matter was that the missing person had slipped off and gone to the proprietor's wife and told her that her devoted spouse had gone crazy. The good lady, never having seen any signs of mental aberration in her husband's manners, was loth to believe the sat story, but her informant sympathetically informed her that he could convince her that the story was true. He sliently conducted the lady within view of her husband, and there was Jim, now wildly waving his hand at the clock and saying: "There she goes! There she goes! There she goes! There she goes! The sunt was taken as conclusive evidence of insamity by the good wife, and she rushed towards her husband and pitcously exclaimed: "My poor Jim, speak to me." Jim looked around, then peeped through the corner of his eye at the gentlemen, who were now roaring with hughter, and laconically said to his spouse: "Darn it, you made me ices five dollars."

It has been a common remark with It has been a common remark with strangers who have visited the city on the

strangers who have visited the city on the occasion of big public demonstrations that the Richmond police are the champions in managing crowds. The compliment is deserved, and the force of the upper district are entitled to their full share of it. I have seen Captain Hules and his men under very trying circumstances, and they have always been equal to all demands. The Captain has good nature, discretion, and firmness, and he knows when to combine them or use them separately. But the Captain and two of his best men were routed and interly demoralized a few evenings ago on Broad street. Before the windows of one of the dry goods stores there was a wild, merry mob of little ones enjoying a free show, and the Captain and his assistants were there to preserve the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth along the sidewalk. But they didn't. The children did not care any more for the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth along the sidewalk. But they didn't. The children did not care any more for the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth along the sidewalk. But they didn't. The protected Captain Hulee and asked him with the stermness at its height I approached Captain Hulee and asked him with the stermness that only a reporter who pays taxes on \$2,000,000 worth of real estate can command why he did not do his duty and clear the sidewalks. Assuming as much dignity as a man could whose collar and cravat suggested his baving taken the 29th degree of the Sons of Confucius on as July night, the Captain gasped "I'd have you to understand, sir, that I do not war on women and children." The moral of this is that the police have been censured on several occasions by men who ought to know better and ought to be more considerate of the little ones for not keeping the sidewalks in front of the store-windows clear of children. The fact of the business is that the police are in these crowds of business to that the police are in these crowds of bables who may be looking at the Christmas displays in store windows. If the children block t that the Richmond police are the cham calks it is easy enough to walk around

Duelling may be fashionable now, bu a young man tells an incident which recently occurred that makes me put verlittle faith in this so-called gentlemanly prerogative to settle personal reflection that this gentleman (who was a prominent young real estate agent in this city up to a few months ago) had a very nandsome pair of duelling pistols. The weapons had attained fame by their connection with celebrated fights in years past. One bright fall day a prominent young man of the highest social circle of Richmond appeared in the real estate agent's office, stated his grievances, and asked that the pistols be loaned for the occasion, which was to take place in a few days. The land-dealer, after considerable persuasion and with a merry twinkle in his eve, promised that the free-arms should his eye, promised that the fre-arms should be at the disposal of the principals and their seconds the following morning at 10 o'clock. Precisely at the hour prescribed four young gentlemen appeared at the acont's place of gentlemen appeared at the agent's place of business. They were invited into the private office, where a very handsome leather case was handed one of the seconds. He opened the box and an exquisitely engraved pair of Colt's revolvers with long glittering bairels revealed themselves. They were indeed instruments of death and every one seemed to be impressed with that fact. After a brief examination one of the seconds said: "I will not be connected with any fight in which those weapons are to be said: "I will not be connected with any fight in which those weapons are to be used." A snort conference followed and the agent saw the would-ne principals shake hands. The fourth man stepped forward and said to the land-dealer: "We thank you very much for your kindness but an amicable adjustment of the troubles has been made and we will not need the weapons." With a suppressed chuckle the proprietor of the place replaced the leather case in a drawer and proceeded about his business. proceeded about his business.

The highest aim of some young men with social aspirations is to become members of one or more of the fashionable germanclubs in this city. Once in such an organi clubs in this city. Once in such an organization the pathway to higher circles is strewn with roses, but the difficulty lies in making this first start. You may have money—this is of primary importance—and you may come from an excellent family, but neither of these enviable conditions necessarily insure your chances of getting the wished-for extree. The membership of the clubs is limited, and there are always a considerable number of applicants awaiting the favorable decision of the board, which is vested with elective power. Moreover, if you happen to be a better-looking man than some member of the board, and the individual realizes it, he can rule you out

There is a little brunette in Richmond who seems to detest the red cravat. She

hand, throw back her nimble little form in a most graceful way, and say: "Get on to the red cravat." This girl is a friend to some newspaper-men. I one time succumbed to the seductive influence of this peculiarly fascinating style of neckwear, but when I was accosted by this fair friend in female tormosity and advised to abandon the "disgusting" fad as she called it, I laid it aside with a sigh and have been waiting in patience for Dame Fashion to run out another color, which will not be subjected to so much abuse on the part of the gentler sex. It certainly seems strange that the girls will not let us rest in peace in any custom we may establish. When they were going frantic over their gaudy street-costumes of this same vermillion hue the boys did not stand on the street-corner and ejaculate as the lovely ones passed by, "Shoot the red dress." Is it hardly fair that they should harp on our red cravats? on to the red cravat." This girl is a friend Dr. Wharton and the Editor-The Sergean

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Man is a gregarious animal. He loves to consregate with his fellow-mortals and hear the music of his jaw as it falls upon the ears of his auditors. So also man will go on all the same. But I am not opposed to temperance, and the very thing which makes me think of this subject is a little gate of the granting of anti-liquor men I saw a few nights ago. They were all Good Temperans, and they had all attended the temperance convention at the Academy. Now, would you believe it, I saw these rascals in a soda-water store at 11:30 o'clock at night? The meeting a Curistmas product of the prospective purchased as the first ching you would you believe it, I saw these rascals in a soda-water store at 11:30 o'clock at night? The meeting a Curistmas product of the prospective purchased as the first ching you would you believe it, I saw those rascals in a soda-water store at 11:30 o'clock at night? The meeting a Curistmas product of the prospective purchased as the first ching you would you believe it, I saw those rascals in a soda-water store at 11:30 o'clock at night? The meeting a Curistmas product of the prospective purchased and more only proposition by which one can be approached by the proposition of the prospective purchased. The one had possible ago the product of the prospective purchased to temperance convention at the Academy. Now, would you believe it, I saw those rascals in a soda-water store at 11:30 o'clock at night? The meeting of the prospective purchased to the prospective purchased to the proposition by whicher one can be produced to the prospective purchased to the prospe to congregate with his fellow-mortals and hear the music of his Jaw as it falls upon the ears of his auditora. So also man will drink. You may preach against it from now till doomsday, and yet drinking will go on all the same. But I am not opposed to temperance, and the very thing which makes me think of this subject is a little gathering of anti-liquor men I saw a few nighterago. They were all Good Templars, and they had all attended the temperance convention at the Academy. Now, would you believe it, I saw these rascals in a soda-water store at 11:30 o'clock at night? The meeting in which they participated had broken up at least an hour and a half earlier, but instead of marching straight home to their wives they stopped on the waysule. The same old story. The "boys" were all there, all joily and gay, and jokes were told over schooners of soda and cups of chocolate just as if the beverages were composed of the regulation malt and "lirewater." I asked invest what the nocturnal gathering signified. It means simply this—that after all whiskey is not essential to make such gatherings happy and gay. Give a Virginian a bucket of water and ieth him talk as much as he wants and he will never think of intoxicating liquors. The individual who contempla esciving a few presents on the approaching holiday starts up Broad street at Ninth and the further he or she goes the grander and more bew idering the windows look and upon returning he experiences the same thing. He then comes down to Main, and such an array of beautiful jeweiry, stationery, and Christmas goods as greets his eye be thinks he has never seen.

But the mombers of the sterner sex do not have that great and interminable desire that the gentler ones are instilled with The members of the House of Delegates

are nearly all sturdy farmers. If some of them have "hayseed" in their hair and a general demeanor strangely suggestive of corn-field tints it is not at all to their discredit. All of them certainly wear coliars at deravats, and all of them are gentlemen—and, what is better, old Virginia gentlemen. But several have one important thing to learn, and that is the parliamentary rules governing the body of which they are members. This is not easy knowledge to acquire, by the way, and some of the representatives take hearly the whole session to do it. I will venture to say that fifty of the delegates haven't got the slightest idea when to make a motion unless they happen to catch the eve of "islily" Mann, the reading clerk. "Billy" is after Colonel Bigger, the Solomon of this branch of the ceneral Assembly, and what he doesn't know he takes mighty good pains not to discuss. He instates the Colonel's style of reading, and can rattle off a bill at the rate of 250 words a minute, though when he gets to talking with a girl he in reases his speed to 350. them have "hayseed" in their hair and a general demeanor strangely suggestive

Rev. Dr. H. M. Wharton, the well-known evangelist who has accomplished such noble work in this city, is as little like a preacher in appearance as a Wall-street broker. He looks like a well-to-do business-man, though there is, of course, nothing "loud" about his dress. Dr. Wearron loves a joke as well as any man I ever saw, and he tells them with the straightest of faces. I was introduced to him a few nights ago, and when told that I was a newspaper-man, he said, "I used to know an editor who had a very pretty daughter. A fellow was courting her and finally came to the old gentleman and asked if he could have the girl for his wife. The editor looked steadily at him and said: "But now do I know that you really love her?" "Ah, sir," exclaimed the enraptured youth, "my adoration is such that I have not tasted food for six months," The editor's eyes aparkled with delight and in the second of the delight and in the second court of the second court o preacher in appearance as a Wall-street couth, "my adoration is such that I have not tasted food for six months," The edi-nor's eyes sparkled with delight and in ones of tenderest paternal sympathy he and; "Take her, my boy; you will be a ine man to swear to the circulation of my paper."

THE IDLE REPORTES.

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MERCHANTS ARE HOPEFUL.

The merchants, as a rule, are anticipating

The merchants, as a rule, are anticipating brilliant results from the holiday business this year, and there is no question that they have laid in larger stocks of Christmas goods than usual, so if old Santa Clans caunot find here just exactly what he wants for Kitty's stocking there is no use

EACH YEAR BRINGS MORE NOVELTIES.

TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN.

In the toy-line Richmond is bountifully blessed, and the chances are that thirty thousand children will awake next Friday

cept the hundreds of beautiful things be-fore their eyes. The pretty dolls, car-riages, tea-sets, pianos, little sets of furni-ture, turn the heads of the little maidens, while the young master of seven winter-gazes in silent delight at the miniature

tool-chests, toy-guns, tin horns, and little velocipedes.

It is a time of rejoicing for them even when they contemplate what is to be specially selected for their happiness, and

THE OLDER ONES. To those whose footsteps are feeble

Christmas means a sweet sadness, for it is marked by recollections of faces that are passing away into the unknown land and brings to view the fact that when it again

MISFIT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Nothing More Needed Than an Annual Ex-

change for Missits.

An enterprising gentleman has already started an establishment where one can dispose of duplicate wedding presents, but a person gets married once only in his life, while he or she, as the case or sex may be, endures many Christmases, says Vick's Magazine.

How sweet and pleasant would it be, for instance, if a young and pretty clergyma who has been remembered by seventeen o two dozen of the ewe lambs of his congre

gation with a pair of slippers from each, could trade off most of them for, say, a

ment-ring."

"Married man desires to exchange a pair of ice-cream-colored wristers for a glass of best."

"Young clersyman will dispose of an

will in all probability get it.

APROPOS OF STUART'S MONUMENT. The Favorite of a Georgia Miss-Memories of Other Southern Heroes. (Written for the Dispatch.)

In view of the recent movement in this ity to erect a monument to General J. E. Stuart a reminiscence concerning him any interest some of your readers. he well-known war correspondent, "P.
A." Colonel P. W. Alexander, was
uding a few days' interval of rest from
labors at the front near his home in
dile Georgia.

iddle Georgia. The writer of this article was at a dinnerarty given in his home, which numbered everal young ladies among the guests.

Colonel Alexander, after some interesting accounts of his recent experiences in regina, laughingly proposed to collect be suffrages of the young ladies present a to their favorite military hero, alluding the conflict in progress.

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"We will take it for granted that General Lee stands first with you," he said, "did I want to know who is second in your imaginations. This, as a mere matter of currosity, or perhaps, to give a touch to some future letter."

The answers varied. Benuregard, Albert Sydney Johnston, and others had been named, when one young lady said so emphatically as to create some amusement, "General Jeb Stuart."

Surprise was expressed, for the cavalry branch of the service was still somewhat underrated at that time, and the first dispatches concerning his brilliant "reconnoisance" of the enemy (to give the phrase then used to describe it), its results in loss not ours). Ac., had been, it appears, somewhat carelessly neted.

"Stuart! why, what has he done?" was asked.

HER AUTHORITY. His young advocate cagerly recapitulated he newspaper account that she had read, dding: "And I call Shakspeare to witness hat General Stuart's was twice a victory, is well as the only one after myown heart. Don't you remember, "A victory is twice tself when the achiever brings home full

blessed, and the chances are that thirty thousand children will awake next Friday morning with their eyes blaring in astonishment and their faces beaming with joy at what the joyons Christmas tide has brought unto them. No one but a child can duly appreciate this natal day. The innocent young ones seem more gracious to receive the blessings God is kind enough to bestow upon them. The day marks an era in their lives, and they look upon it with unbounded eagerness and expectancy, and whether old "Santa" provides for them generously or scantily they are never disappointed in what he leaves them.

In the stores on Broad street is everything that is beautiful and attractive to the little ones. They gather in front of the large windows and become perfectly oblivious to everything in the world, except the hundreds of beautiful things before their eyes. The pretty dolls, car-"Did Shakspeare say that? I do not re-"Ind Shakspeare say that; I do not re-call it," said the then famous war corre-spondent. But he got out his note-book to take it down and the young lady was able to prove to her own gratification (for "P. W. A." was familiar with quotations and their origin) that the sentence was to be found on the lips of Leonato in Much Ado

their origin) that the sentence was to be fund on the lips of Leonato in Much Ado About Nothing. She would not have had to and reasons for her preference later, as the event proved.

In regard to the war correspondents and reporters of that period, be it said that they were seldom unwelcome at military headquarters, nor can it be wondered at. If the brave alone deserve the fair, not the least of their deserts is the meed of a country's approval, and from the days of Alfred the minstrel was made free of the camp, as we know. Still there were some notable exceptions to this rule. Officers of rank, whose modesty, "only equalled by their merit," were as retiring as the exigencies of the time permitted.

One can but admire the trait of a stern fidelity to duty that is even repellant of praise, and suffices unto itself, yet scanter justice, it may be, is sometimes the reward of its possessors.

you happen to be a better-looking man than some member of the board, and the individual realizes it, he can rule you out by his vote and you are doomed for the season, or until another set of officers are elected. Then you can take your chances again. Thus it will readily be seen that sometimes a comparatively unattractiveletow, with no particular friends and no particular enemies, slips in, while some applicant with more decided likes and dislikes is shut out. A man who fails to become a member really has no reason to feel mortified, and nothing is ever known of his inability to accomplish his purpose outside of the board meetings. The fellow who gets through all right is lucky indeed. He meets enough pretty girls to make him forget every care, and cause him to spend two months' salary before he knows what he is doing.

I was certainly astonished to read in your paper recently that some of our city fathers wanted the electric-car noises stopped, even if mules had to supplant electricity as a motive-power, and thereby place our thirfity city twenty years behind the times." remarked a well-known gentlemsn to me a few cays ago. This called my natherity in the old army to offer his sword to his motive broad the way and to all appearances have reduced the noise made by the machinery of the electric-cars to the sunmer, and to retainly the cause for complaint is very slimly supported at present, and it is most probable that no one will cry for the mules till next summer, and by that time the railroad people will have spiendid new steel-rails all over the bear of the Richmond hospital. Major Mass we he lingered in the hospital in a state between life and death till the following her for the mules till next summer, and by that time the railroad people will have spiendid new steel-rails all over the summer, and by that time the railroad people will have spiendid new steel-rails all over the summer. seven if mules had to supplant electricity as a motive-power, and thereby place our thrifty city twenty years behind the times." I strated a well-known gentlemen to me a few cays ago. This called my attention to the fact that the street-railway companies have greatly improved their service, and to all appearances have reduced the noise made by the machinery of the electric-cars to the supposed minimum. Certainly the cause for complaint is very slimly supported at present, and it is most probable that no one will cry for the mules till next summer, and by that time the railroad people will have splendid new steel-rails all over the city and the noise will be so slight that the tinsomnia sufferers of Oregon Hill and Barton Heights will be in no wise disturbed.

Christmas, New-Year, and Bridal Presents. who seems to detest the red crayat. She never passes a friend on the street with this flashy color adorning his shirt-front that she does not throw out her dainty little

PRETTY XMAS GIFTS.

PLAY IN THE STORES.

Various Kinds-Many Novelties,

not have that gress and interminable de-sire that the gentler ones are instilled with to see everything in town before pur-chasing a Christmas sourceur, and it only requires about fifteen minutes and as many dollars for them to secure what they imagine will awfully please the recipient-

BIG PHESUNES AND LITTLE MONEY.

There are those fellows who have to make the same amount of money answer for nearly as many girls, but he is only to be pitied. Just exactly what to get for a dollar that looks costly and handsome is one of the unsolved problems of this sea-

Now, the "dizzy" little blonde flits in

assorted lot of shippers, some of which are embroidered with blue dogs with scarlet eves, for a serviceable pair of winter ploves, fur-lined preferred. Must be mates."

"Boston young lady, temporarily residing in New York, would like to exchange eight copies of Browning's complete works, all new and unused, for a pair of gold-rimmed spectaclee, No. 5, near-sighted."

"Young married man will trade a box of cigars (handsome work of art in leader PEEP AT THE HOLIDAY-GOODS ON DIS-Richmond Merchants Have Enormous Stocks of Fancy Articles-Dolls of

cigars (handsome work of art on inside of lid) for a ten-cent plug of chewing-to-The Richmond merchants have enough

GOOD AND EVIL OMENS. Superstitions That Have Survived from the Earliest Times.

(Philadelphia Ledger.) If you pay out money on Monday morning you will pay out money all the rest of the week. It is unlucky to sp'll sait at the table, and to rub a hunenback will bring luck to any immediate project you have in your

bring luck to any immediate project you have in view.

To leave the house and then suddenly return to it is considered a bad omen. This is a very old superstition, but a very common one with us. Laodamia refers to it in her letter to Professious after he had left for the Trojan war.

Some years ago I asked a neighbor to had a dead horse from the premises. He declared if he did so one of his own horses would die within a year.

I reasoned him out of the superstition and he removed the horse. Strange to say, one of the span of horses which he used for the purpose died shortly afterwards.

Now, the "dizzy" little blonde flits in and out all the jeweiry stores in town, looking for a suitable gift for "Cholly." Then she goes to the dry-goods establishment, and after critically examining all the muchoir cravat and handsereine cases finally selects one of the latter for "Harry." Then she racks her brain, scratches her fluty hair, and wonders what she must get for Mr. B. Oh, well, she finally decides it would never da for her to do all her shopping in one day and puts off this last purchase until two days before Christmas. Of cause everything will have been picked over then, but that can't be helped.

CAUSTRY COURSES IN TOWN. CARTERS IVER over then, but that can't be helped.

COURTY COURTS IN TOWN.

For the past several days the leity has been pretty well filled with country people, and every outgoing train has left here heavily burdened with Christmas tricks. A most ludicrous scene could have been witnessed at the depot of the Chesspeake and Ohio railway an evening or so ago. An old lady from a neighboring county had just been down and laid in her holiday supply and was returning home. The waiting-room was hardly large enough to contain her bundles, which seemed to embrace everything from a honby-horse to a tin horn. It was by great effort on her own part, as well as on the part of the conductor and the brakeman, that she was comfortably transported with her goods and chattels to the car. When properly adjusted in a comfortable seat with her parcels in two seats and four racks, she assumed a "Wint-will. Williesy, when-he-wakes up. Christmas morning?" smile, and was soon oblivious to everything save that all-absorbing thought.

HEAD

Is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not. a wants for kitty's stocking there is no use to go any further, for it can't be found.

Already the stores have done an enormous business, but the inexhaustible supply has hardly been touched. It was estimated by a prominent dealer yesterday that there were over one hundred thousand doll-babies in Richmond at this time. It may be added that this number embraces babies of both sexebey bab 4s, girl babies, blonde babies, brunette babies, red-headed babies, babies without any heads, heads without any babies, "ingger" babies, kick-up babies, and all other specimens and types of the infantile family. Some of these are dressed and some are not, and they range in size from height. CASTES MEDICINE CO., New York. Small Pill Small Pose, Small Price.

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J. K. ... Discases of Digestion, Paralysis. brings out. The styles produced by the same two successive seasons. The designs of holiday articles on display here this Christmas are in most instances very catchy and most rempting, and the unfortunate who has more money than he really intends to spend usually winds up on Christmas-see with his pockets depleted. Only a few years back it was quite the proper thing to give your girl an enormous vari-colored eard, hand-painted and fancily fin-shed. Now, those styles of gifts are only made in the most isolated and uncivilized parts of the world, it even there. Last Christmas it was eminently correct to present a lady with a handsome silver glove- or jeweiry-case, but now it is a manifestation of better taste to give her a gold-mounted card-case or a pair of \$14 opera-glasses. Books are also very popular as presents and the young man who sends his tinneer a set of Pompen illustrated will incur her everlasting gratitude. Single Bottle (over 50 doses), Stable Case, with Specifics, Manual, Veterinary Cure Oil and Medicator, Jar Veterinary Cure Oil, Sold by Proggista; or sent prepaid anywhere and in any munify on receipt of price.

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